



TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on the following bill of interest to towns and cities:

R.B. 216, "An Act Concerning Employment of Private Detectives by Municipalities"

CCM supports this bill.

R.B. 216 would allow municipalities to increase, from \$500 to \$2,000, the amount which may be spent to employ private detectives, unless a specific appropriation has been made for such purposes.

The bill provides more reason and clarity to current law, and provides local police departments with greater apparatus and latitude needed to fight crime.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report this bill.

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If you have any questions, please call Ron Thomas, CCM's Manager of State and Federal Relations, or Gian-Carl Casa, CCM Director of Legislative Services, at (203) 498-3000.